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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 30, 2006, which set a one-month shortened statutory period to expire on January 3, 2007 (December 30, 2006 being a Saturday, and January 1, 2007 and January 2, 2007 being government holidays), Applicants hereby elect the second identified species, corresponding to paragraphs [0132] to [0141] of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0257940. Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 5-13 and 16-21 correspond to the elected species, and further, that claims 1 and 19 are generic claims. The above election is made with traverse for at least the reasons set forth below.